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LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is one (1) copy of a Notice of Rejection (Office Action) which issued on March 4, 2008 in the corresponding Japanese Patent Application. Also submitted herewith is an English language translation of the Notice of Rejection.

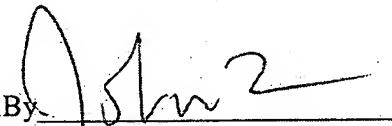
It is noted that although the Notice of Rejection cites five (5) references (JP-9-273060-A, JP-11-158766-A, JP-54-38214-B, JP-1-40618-A and JP-3322868-B), each of the five (5) references were previously submitted to the USPTO for consideration. Therefore, additional copies are not enclosed with the present letter.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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